Import of rubber

49. SHRI K. MOHAN AN: Will the Minister of :' pleased to sta^e:

(a; whether it is a fact that Government propose to import 20,003 tonnes of rubber;

(b) if -so, what are the reasons there for; and

(c) what is the quantity of rubber avail able in the country as at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Domestic production of natural rubber upto August. 1985 would sufficient to meet the domestic demand. The gap is estimated to be of the order of 20,000 tonnes. At the end of June. 1985 estimate^ stock of natural rub_ ber was around 39.000 tonnes, without taking into account the import by STC.

Closure of Anglo-French Textile Mill

50. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) since when the Anglo-French Textile Mill at Pondicherry is lying closed:

(by how many workers were employed at the time of the closure;

(c) the total number of man-days since lost and the amount of loss of production in terms of money and cloth:

(d) whether any steps have been taken to rehabilitate the workers; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to take over the mill by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR

) The Anglo-Fj is Mill, Pondicherry has been lying closed since July, 1983. At the time of osure ihe number of workers was around 6800;

(c) For the period July 198- he total number of mandays lost i- estimated to be around 32.13 lakhs and if production of'yam and cloth J 1.86 crore Kgs and 8.6 crore metres respectively;.

(d) Efforts are on to explore the pos sibility of re-opening the undei

(e). The Government have not taken any n regarding take-over of the under-so far.

Closed Textile Mills

51. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY.

SHRJ L. GANESAN;

Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES b_e pleased to stal

(a) what is the number of textile mills presently closed in the country;

(b) what is the number of workers who have lost their jobs as a result of such closure during the last three years State-wise;

(c) what is the total number of man-days thus lost, year-wise;

(d) what was the question of loss 'n production during the above period and the financial extent of loss, year-wise; and

(e) what is the numbe; of closed textile mills which are proposed to be takenover by Government in the near future'.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH), (a) and (b) A_s on 31st May, 1985, 68 cotton $textii_e$ mills were closed in th_e country. The $numbe_{r\ 0}$f workers affected as a result of closure of the said 68 cotton textile mills is 95,415.